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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 03405

FOR L/UNA STOWE FROM HOSENBALL AND STEWART

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, PFOR, GW, TSPA  
SUBJ: FRG CONSULTATIONS ON OUTER SPACE LEGAL  
SUBCOMMITTEE (DBS)

1. USDEL MET THURSDAY, FEB 24, WITH REPS OF FRG  
MINISTRIES OF FONAFFS, INTERIOR AND POSTS TO REVIEW  
RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS FOR UN OUTER  
SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING TO BEGIN MARCH 14.  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

2. REGARDING DIRECT BROADCASTING FROM SATELLITES  
(DBS), USDEL OUTLINED OPTIONS CURRENTLY UNDER CON-  
SIDERATION REGARDING PRIOR CONSENT ISSUE AND SOUGHT  
FRG REACTIONS. FRG STATED THAT AFTER THOROUGH  
REEVALUATION IT HAS OFFICIALLY DECIDED TO STAND FIRM  
IN OPPOSITION TO ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED RECOGNITION  
OF PRIOR CONSENT PRINCIPLE, INCLUDING LICENSING  
APPROACH, AND URGED US TO DO LIKEWISE. FRG EXPRESSED  
SERIOUS CONCERN OVER SIGNIFICANT AND DELETERIOUS  
IMPACT OF FAILURE CONSISTENTLY TO OPPOSE CHALLENGES  
TO FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY IN OTHER  
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ARENAS AND CONTEXTS SUCH AS CSCE, UNESCO, ITU, RFE,  
AND RADIO LIBERTY. FRG VIEWS DECISIONS TAKEN AT 1977  
WARC AS TECHNICAL AND THEREFORE DISTINGUISHABLE FROM  
POLITICAL ISSUES BEFORE UN.

3. FRG SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THIS VIEW BE MADE  
KNOWN TO HIGH LEVELS WITHIN DEPT PRIOR TO FINAL

DECISION ON DBS OPTIONS.

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